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## BOLD DAYLIGHT HOLDUP

Four Desperadoes Take Charge of Street Car.

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Stuff Pockets With Purses, Watches and Small Wads of Greenbacks, and Women Yell So Lustily They Jump Off and Disappear.

New York, Dec. 1.—Four desperadoes armed with revolvers held up a crowded street car on Lower Third avenue. They throttled and robbed the conductor, terrorized the passengers and escaped with a goodly collection of purses and other valuables.

A large number of men and women who had just left a dance hall crowded on the car on Third street. Every seat was taken and the aisle filled. The robbers' pockets were stuffed with women's purses, watches and small wads of bills when the screams of the women so frightened them that they bolted from the car and dashed down a side street and disappeared.

### THREE ARRESTED.

Alleged Sage Blowers and Postoffice Burglars in Custody.

Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 1.—Three alleged safeblowers and postoffice burglars whose field of operation extends throughout the whole of the Mississippi valley were arrested here Monday night and examined before a United States commissioner in special session and half an hour later were locked up in separate cells awaiting their removal to Danville, Ill., one of the points where they are under indictment.

Charles Gallagher, leader of the band of safe bandits who travels under the aliases of Charles McMullin, "Laughing Charlie" and Charles Martin, was the first arraigned. Joe McCarthy,

alias "Big Jack" and William Strong, alias "Yegg Billie," are the others.

The arrests were made by Chief Inspector C. L. Patterson, and A. D. Brunson of the St. Louis secret service office who have been after the men for the greater part of three years.

The well defined outline of a nude woman tattooed on the arm of "Laughing" Charlie Gallagher, an anchor in many colors on the arm of "Big Mack" McCarthy and the facial description and Bertillon photograph of "Yegg Billie" Strong make the identification complete.

"Laughing Charlie" Gallagher was arrested here half an hour after reaching the city. Martin and Strong had been under arrest since Friday night. Chief Patterson last heard of Gallagher at Alexandria, La., on Nov. 18, and he was heading towards Illinois. Following the blowing of a postoffice safe at Ava, Ill., last Friday night Patterson struck Gallagher's trail, and followed him here.

Before the arrest of Martin and Strong they had mailed a letter to Gallagher in the local police which Gallagher was to call for here and which would inform him where they were located. When Gallagher reached town Monday night he called immediately for the letter and it was given him, just before the officers made the arrest.

Assistant Postmaster Johnson, who made the first two arrests, stated the men used every method possible in trying to bribe the jailor to call for the letter addressed to Gallagher, and they tried further to make known the story of their arrest so it would receive publicity and save Gallagher from coming here and being captured.

### Goes After Prisoner.

Dallas, Dec. 1.—Sheriff Ledbetter left for Oklahoma City after Julius Robertson, a negro, wanted here in connection with the murder of Frank Wolford.

### Imboden Resigns Editorship.

Austin, Dec. 1.—W. M. Imboden, editor of the Statesman, has resigned, effective Jan. 1. He will practice law at Stamford.

## PROFANE MASONS.

Grand Master Moors Insists on Their Expulsion.

Waco, Dec. 1.—Nearly 1,000 members were present when the seventy-third annual convocation of the Masonic grand body of Texas was called to order in the temple. After the opening exercises the committees were appointed.

The annual address of Grand Master Moore of Wichita Falls was given close attention during its reading. The grand master denounced the use of profanity, declaring that it was the duty of all subordinate lodges to expel any member who habitually makes use of unbecoming and blasphemous language.

All reports of officers were interesting and stated the order was steadily growing and its business is in an excellent condition.

## LOVE ISSUES CALL.

Statement Desired at State Capital Within the Next Few Days.

Austin, Dec. 1.—The state department of insurance and banking has today issued a call on all state bank and trust companies in the state for the financial condition on Nov. 27. The statement must be here within the next few days. There are now 344 state banks and trust companies in the state and it is expected by next year there will be 350.

J. A. Arnold of Fort Worth, secretary of the Commercial Secretaries' association, is gathering data on tax laws and amount of revenue derived from the state during a year. He is fortifying himself, he said, with facts and figures for the contest which is to be waged in the next legislature. He will head the committee which is to be maintained here during the session of the next legislature.

R. E. Crawford of Houston, the newly appointed assistant attorney general, has assumed his duties, taking charge of the desk occupied by Assistant Walthall, who takes Pollard's desk. Pollard left for Kingsville to assume charge of his new duties as general attorney for the Brownsville road.

Governor Campbell has offered a reward of \$150 for the arrest of Chester Williams of Nacogdoches, charged with murdering his wife.

Auditors examining department books and affairs say the number of clerks which could be cut off will not save the state much money, as higher salaried and more efficient men must be employed, although fewer in number.

Governor Campbell will be called upon to pass upon a large number of pardons recommended by the pardon board. Many have been pending a long time, but the absence of the executive prevented action.

### Subscribes to Warehouse.

Sheridan, Wyo., Dec. 1.—The executive committee of the National Woolgrowers' association held a meeting here, when \$25,000 and 2,500,000 pounds of wool were subscribed toward the national wool warehouse proposition.

### Social Clubs Raided.

Birmingham, Dec. 1.—Three social clubs were visited by the police and \$4,000 worth of liquor seized.

CONDENSED REPORT OF THE  
CONDITION OF

## The City National Bank

OF BRYAN TEXAS

As made to the Comptroller of the Currency at the close of business November 27, 1908.

## RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts.....	\$195,906.27
U. S. Bonds and Premiums.....	104,000.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.....	8,516.00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	2,626.00
CASH.....	309,197.12
	\$620,245.39

## LIABILITIES

Capital Stock.....	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits.....	93,800.53
Circulation.....	50,000.00
DEPOSITS.....	426,444.86
	\$620,245.39

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }  
County of Brazos. } I, Albert W. Wilkerson,  
cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ALBERT W. WILKERSON, Cashier.

Correct—Attest: } J. W. English  
E. H. Astin  
G. S. Parker  
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this the 30th day of November, 1908. FRED. L. CAVITT,  
Notary Public Brazos County, Texas.

### New Secretary Sworn In.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Mr. Newberry was sworn in Tuesday and participated in the cabinet meeting. He was accompanied to the white house by Mr. Metcalf, his predecessor, who formally presented him to the president. In a brief speech Mr. Metcalf paid a high tribute to the new cabinet officer, Mr. Newberry responding in an equally felicitous vein.

### Accepts Position.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Herbert L. Satterlee of New York, who was offered the position of assistant secretary of the navy to succeed Mr. Newberry, who has been elevated to be the head of the department, has notified the president of his acceptance of the appointment.

### Sunday Afternoon Paper.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The Washington Times, a 1-cent paper, makes the announcement that its Sunday edition will hereafter appear in the afternoon instead of the morning at the week-day price. This is believed to be the second instance of a Sunday afternoon paper in the United States.

### Flood Damage Great.

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 1.—The flood and storm damage in this section may reach \$100,000. The Midland Valley is tied up in the old fields on account of washouts. A dozen railroad bridges are gone.

### Financial Bill Referred.

Berlin, Dec. 1.—Reichstag referred the financial reform bill to committee of twenty-eight.

# A Matchless Combination!

<b>Drew-Selby Fine Shoes</b> For Women \$2.00 to \$4.00	<b>Malony Bros.</b> Fine Shoes For Children \$1.50 to \$3.00	<b>Pat Cogan's</b> "Bunker Hill" Shoes for Boys \$2.00 to 3.00	<b>Slater &amp; Morrill</b> America's Best High Grade <b>\$5.00</b> Shoe for Men	<b>W. L. Douglas</b> <b>\$2.50</b> <b>\$3.00 and \$3.50</b> Men's Shoes The best that money can buy
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#### THE MASS MEETING.

##### Plans and Resolutions Submitted — County Union Meeting at Cot- tonwood.

A meeting which held within it the possibility of much good to all the varied interests of this section, occurred in the courthouse here yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The meeting was attended by a few of the business men of Bryan as well as the farmers.

President W. L. Edge of the Brazos County Farmers' Union outlined the purpose for which the meeting was called. In this outline was also expressed the sentiment of the president in the matter of better county roads, and a recommendation that the state convicts be employed in this character of work. He suggested that a bill be presented for passage at the approaching session of the legislature with this object in view.

At the conclusion of the president's remarks, Mr. J. H. White was invited to address the meeting. The object of the meeting, as heretofore stated in these columns, was to suggest some means whereby a higher price could be realized for cotton which the farmer raised, and, in fact, to formulate plans looking to the advancement of all concerned. Mr. White realized that something had to be done to obtain a better price for cotton, or else all business in the south would suffer. "We are raising cotton today and selling it for less than four cents a pound, comparing the prices paid for articles purchased at this time with the price charged for the same articles some years ago when the price of cotton was only four to five cents. How shall we devise a way to increase the price of cotton? He had studied four years this question. Mr. Brittain of Galveston had said at New Orleans that if a fair price was paid for cotton, the farmers would consume 16,000,000 bales in manufacturing products, while at present 13,000,000 bale crop estimate puts the price down. Mr. White stated that the Farmer's Union was based upon equality, justice, and the golden rule.

The crop mortgage and consequent inability to hold cotton when pressed for payment was discussed, and a means of buying for cash suggested. This, if made to go, will relieve the market of distress cotton. Mr. White would do away with the credit system as at present employed. His plan, briefly stated, is, to arrange for a loan from a farmer who has the money, or with a banker, securing the banker just as the merchant is now secured. If \$100 is needed to make the crop, or more than this amount, arrange to borrow say \$100 for one year, payable on or before at 8 per cent. On the first day of February draw \$25, which is to be repaid on October 1. On April 1, draw \$50, returnable January 1, of the year to come, on July 1 draw the final \$25 of the first loan, if it is needed, which would be payable March 1. It is understood that these various amounts are all payable on or before. In Mr. White's opinion the farmer would save sufficiently in the purchase of necessities to more than pay the interest demanded by the bank or the private lender. It should be stated here that Mr. White's plan intends for the farmer to live at home first, and the money is to be employed in procuring necessities and paying for

labor that it may be necessary to engage during the cultivating season.

Mr. White does not believe in a minimum price. If the necessity for immediate selling of cotton is removed, it is natural that the price would advance, because little of the staple would be offered at a low level.

Vice-President H. O. Boatwright of the First National bank was present and upon invitation made a short talk to the gathering. Mr. Boatwright attended the recent meeting of the Farmers and business men in New Orleans, and stated that he was glad he did so. He paid a high compliment to the National president of the Union. He was impressed with the president and with the officers of the Union and with those who attended that meeting. They were earnest, sincere men and were not there to air grievances but to devise ways and means for the common good. Mr. Boatwright went on record as a diversificationist. He recalled that when he first came to Texas, he could buy for 10 cents enough beef to supply dinner for a large family, and the butcher would "throw in" for good measure a soup bone. Now 50 cents would be required for the same amount of meat purchased for a dime, and the soup bone would be charged for extra. The speaker reminded the men present that hogs sold on the hoof were for 4-12 cents per pound, yet when the consumer bought breakfast bacon he paid 22 cents per pound for same. He agreed with Mr. White that the farmers were now selling cotton at less than four cents per pound relatively speaking. He advised economy. Wear patched clothes and one "gallus," if necessary, come to town less frequently. Men can't come to town three days a week and farm. We should consider ourselves as one great army. Higher prices for the products of the farm will benefit all. We should all get together and talk it over and help one another.

The speaker suggested care in the selection of seed for planting. It costs no more to cultivate prolific and early maturing varieties than the other kind. With Mr. White, he would hail the day with joy when we could obliterate the mortgage. He believed the farmers Union was on the right track, and co-operation would aid in when the farmer could receive his just due for his labor. Mr. Ed Hall was called for and made good hard, business talk. He believed also the farmers were on the right track. There was strength in union. If everyone would co-operate great good would be accomplished. The farmers should apply business methods to all operations. A man should look out for himself—that is, arrange his affairs, if possible, so that he will not have to sell at the other fellow's price. He should give his children all the advantages of education and otherwise possible. These things the farmer desired to do. Let Texas take care of herself, Brazos county take care of herself, and each individual take care of his own house. In his opinion, the whole solution lay in getting on a cash basis. He endorsed the warehouse plan which permitted the gradual marketing of cotton, and would no doubt tend to bring higher prices. He would have cotton classed by competent men. He was not sure that cutting out the buyer would be a good thing. The spinner or user of the cotton must have

a representative in the trade. He would cut out gambling in cotton futures. No man, he believed, ever failed by buying spot cotton for spot cash. Cut out speculation.

This country is adapted to the production of cotton, and he does not attribute the present hard times to low price of cotton but rather to the panic. Indeed, locally, at least, some explanation of the situation may be found in the fact that two years ago this city received 40,000 bales against perhaps 21,000 this season.

Mr. Hall favored the use of cotton bagging. The speaker advised the practice of intensive farming. He would rather take one boy and raise him up as he should go than to rear a half dozen boys at random. Let the farmers, merchants and bankers come together oftener. These gatherings are all for the common good. The present meeting as a starter.

Professor R. O. Allen made a most interesting address. He was surprised at the small attendance. He regretted and was disappointed in the fact that notwithstanding the wide publicity given the meeting, so few business men were present. Likewise, more farmers should certainly have been present. There is unrest, and there is good reason why there should be unrest. The patched clothes and one gallus would not solve it. Prof. Allen told of his childhood home on the farm where diversification was practiced. The farmers boys and girls are not the only ones who are wearing clothes better than they can afford.

Uncle Mark Wilcox stated that he had made a success of farming by raising hogs. He had a tenant also who diversified and was out of debt and did not have to buy meat for his table.

Mr. I. M. Cook, former president of the Brazos County Union, made a short talk, but one of much import. "It is the receipts of cotton, not the grade, that determines its price," said Mr. Cook. If a large quantity of this low grade can be worked up into bagging, rope, etc, and taken out of competition with the better grades a long step forward will have been made. He moved the appointment of a committee whose duty it should be to draft resolutions to be presented for passage before the next legislature, authorizing the state to build and equip and operate with convict labor, factories where cotton may be made into bagging, etc. This committee to be composed of business men and farmers.

After the introduction of the motion, Mr. J. H. White arose and asked all present to place orders now for cotton plow lines for next spring. He put in his own order, remarking at the time that he was a cotton raiser, that it was not the things we raise and can't sell that hurts us, but rather the things we buy that we can raise. This remark was prompted by the recital of a member present who had tried diversification and failed to find a satisfactory market for the crop.

President Edge appointed the fol-

lowing legislative committee and to which will be referred the resolution introduced by Mr. Cook: Messrs L. M. Cook, E. J. Fountain, J. H. White, John Stasney, J. Webb Howell, H. O. Boatwright, A. W. Buchanan, J. L. Fountain, Ed Crenshaw, J. T. Maloney, W. H. Morgan. Mr. H. O. Boatwright is chairman of the committee.

At a meeting of the members of the Union held just prior to the mass meeting, it was decided to hold the next county union meeting with Cottonwood local union, 14 miles north of Bryan. This is to be the regular quarterly meeting of the county union.

#### GIRL BOUND ON COT.

Violently Insane and Says She Worked at Dallas and Fort Worth. New York, Dec. 1.—A handsome nineteen-year-old girl, apparently Jewish, is bound to a cot and violent in the insane ward of Bellevue hospital, after having twice attempted suicide, once by a revolver and the second time by bichloride of mercury tablets. She stated she was a Texas sales girl and had worked in Fort Worth and Dallas stores, but under promise of marriage two months ago was lured to this city by a traveling salesman, whose name the police, while investigating, refuse to disclose, and who, after betraying her robbed her of her savings and deserted her in a Fifty-sixth street boarding house. The girl says she has nothing to live for; is disgraced and penniless and wants to die.

#### Cowan Predicts Warm Fight.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—S. H. Cowan, attorney for the Texas Cattlemen's association, is here attending the National Livestock show. He will go to Washington, where he will present claims for several hundred thousand dollars against railroads on behalf of cattlemen, as overcharges on shipments. Mr. Cowan declared that when Pryor and others show the situation regarding hides to President Roosevelt and the ways and means committee he believes hides will remain where they are now. He predicted a warm fight, however.

#### Five Daughters Testify.

Henrietta, Tex., Dec. 1.—In the trial of Mike Crowell, charged with the murder of his wife, the prisoner's five daughters testified. The two youngest told of their coming home from school and finding their mother's body on a stairway.

#### Leases Offices.

Wichita Falls, Tex., Dec. 1.—Narvarro Refining company has leased offices here. The pipe is now strung all the way between Wichita Falls and Petrolia gas fields. A large force is digging trenches. It is expected gas will be brought here by Jan. 1.

#### Run Over and Killed.

Sherman, Tex., Dec. 1.—Mrs. J. H. Hughes, wife of a prominent Sherman traveling man, was run over by an eastbound Texas and Pacific passenger train at the intersection of the road with Grand avenue Tuesday afternoon and instantly killed.

#### Keefe Appointed.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Daniel J. Keefe of Detroit, Mich., was appointed commissioner general of immigration to succeed the late Frank P. Sargent. Keefe is president of the International Longshoremen's union.

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FANCY EVAPORATED APRI-  
COTS, PER POUND . . . . .10  
FANCY EVAPORATED FIGS,  
PER POUND . . . . .10  
FANCY EVAPORATED PEACHES,  
PER POUND . . . . .10  
TELMO SEEDED RAISINS,  
16-OZ. PACKAGE . . . . .12½

TELMO SEEDED CURRANTS,  
16-OZ. PACKAGE . . . . .12½  
LOOSE MUSCATEL RAISINS,  
PER POUND . . . . .10  
FANCY PRUNES, PER LB. . . . .10  
TELMO MINCE MEAT IN  
BULK, PER POUND . . . . .12½  
TELMO CANNED CORN, PER  
CAN . . . . .10  
TELMO CANNED TOMATOES,  
PER CAN . . . . .10  
MAGNET CANNED TOMATOES  
PER DOZ. . . . .85

MAGNET CANNED CORN  
PER DOZ. . . . .90  
TELMO REFUGEE BEANS  
(BEST GRADE) PER DOZ. .175  
TELMO CUTS BEANS, PER  
DOZ. . . . .1.25  
TELMO SWEET WRINKLE  
PEAS, PER DOZ. . . . .1.75  
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#### LISTLESS READING.

The Way to Correct This Fault and Get Beneficial Results.

"Reading can be made a much greater source of pleasure to those who now only read when they can find no other pleasures," said a Columbia university lecturer on English literature. "You have perhaps noticed with what keen sense of satisfaction some people read the newspapers. Do you want to know the secret of their ability to extract enjoyment in this way? Well, you have probably noticed that those who can so rivet their attention to the printed page are the ones who make it a point to talk about what they have read."

"This is the secret. Try it. Read something, then tell some one about it. Do this with books as well as with papers. Soon you will notice that in reading a story you fix in your mind the things you want to relate. You get the writer's point of view, then you fix upon the points he has presented."

"At the beginning, your story telling will lack the complete color of the story as written, and you will notice that your shortcomings in this direction are due to listless reading. This will correct itself just to the extent of your ambition to become a reader for all there is in reading. I have given this bit of advice before and have been thanked many times by those who followed my directions. Try it and mark the results."—Exchange.

#### DEEP SEA DIVING.

A Descent of Thirty Fathoms Marks the Limit of Safety.

The depth to which a diver can descend is limited by his power for withstanding the pressure of the water. Apparently a descent of thirty fathoms (180 feet) of water marks the limit of safety for even a few divers who possess the necessary physical fitness in combination with a disregard for danger beyond the average.

Records in deep sea diving have to be accepted with the proverbial grain of salt. It has been claimed that a diver reached thirty-three fathoms and a half while engaged in salvage operations recently on the west coast of South America, and yet again another diver working on the same wreck is reported to have brought up three bars of copper from a depth of forty fathoms at the expense of his life.

An expert who has superintended a large number of diving operations has found that very few men, whatever their build, are capable of combating the severe strain which is brought to bear upon their physical energies for a few minutes at a depth of twenty or thirty fathoms. Many of his divers dared not venture below ten fathoms. Of 352 divers employed at greater depths thirty were seriously injured, and the result was fatal in ten instances.—Harper's.

#### FROM LEFT TO RIGHT.

Is the Habit a Legacy From the Old Sun Worshipers?

The halfback, about to be tackled, stopped, then darted in a long curve toward the right. He was soon downed.

"The other side knew he would turn from left to right," said a veteran. "We all turn from left to right. To turn from right to left seems wrong, seems like reversing. We wind a watch from left to right, we turn a screw so, and so we write, and so we read."

"It all comes down to us from prehistoric times, from the sun worshipers. The sun moves from left to right, and its worshipers believed that all human actions must proceed accordingly. Well, they still do so."

"Churning is done as the sun moves, and there's a superstition that one reverse turn of the handle will spoil the butter."

"Cooks stir batter from left to right. A reversal, they say, would make the batter coarse and heavy."

"Shut your eyes and turn thrice. Don't you naturally instinctively turn from left to right?"

"Whalers put back again if the ship's first movement at the beginning of the voyage is not from left to right."

"In a subconscious way, you see, sun worship is still the religion of man."—Exchange.

#### THE CANNON ROARED.

How an Ovation by a Youthful Demosthenes Was Spoiled.

While campaigning in his home state Speaker Cannon was once inveigled into visiting the public schools of a town where he was billed to speak.

In one of the lower grades an ambitious teacher called upon a youthful Demosthenes to entertain the distinguished visitor with an exhibition of amateur oratory. The selection attempted was Byron's "Battle of Waterloo," and just as the boy reached the end of the first paragraph Speaker Cannon suddenly gave vent to a violent sneeze.

"But hush, hark," declaimed the youngster—"a deep sound strikes like a rising knell! Did ye hear it?"

The visitors smiled, and a moment later the second sneeze—which the speaker was vainly trying to hold back—came with increased violence.

"But, hark!" bawled the boy—"that heavy sound breaks in once more. And nearer, clearer, deadlier than before! Arm! Arm! It is the cannon's opening roar!"

This was too much, and the laugh that broke from the party swelled to a roar when Uncle Joe chuckled: "Put up your weapons, children. I won't shoot any more."—Success Magazine.

#### The Division of Time.

The division of time into hours was practiced among the Babylonians from remote antiquity, but it was Hipparchus, the philosopher, who introduced the Babylonian hour into Europe. The sexagesimal system of notation was chosen by that ancient people because there is no number having so many divisions as sixty. The Babylonians divided the daily journey of the sun, the ruler of the day, into twenty-four parasangs. Each parasang, or hour, was subdivided into sixty minutes, and that again into sixty seconds. They compared the progress made by the sun during one hour at the time of the equinox to the progress made by a good walker in the same period of time, both covering one parasang, and the course of the sun during the full equinoctial day was fixed at twenty-four parasangs.

#### Kissing the Hands.

The practice of kissing the hands was instituted by the early Roman rulers as a mark of subjection as much as one of respect, and under the first Caesars the custom was kept up, but only for a time. These worthies conceived the idea that the proper homage due to their exalted station called for less familiar modes of obeisance, so the privilege of kissing the emperor's hand was reserved as a special mark of condescension or distinction for officers of high rank. Roman fathers considered the practice of kissing of so delicate a nature that they never kissed their wives in the presence of their daughters.

#### What She Inherited.

"Of course I can do manicuring just as well with my left hand," said the left handed manicurist—"better, if anything. You don't know the difference if you've been born that way, if you have inherited it."

"Didn't know it was a matter of inheritance? Why, certainly it is. No, left handedness, not manicuring. My father, grandfather and great-grandfather were all left handed, and so were ten cousins of mine."—Exchange.

#### Happy Hunting Ground.

She—When a woman wants a husband, you don't suppose she goes and looks in a club for one, do you? He—Well, if she's a married woman the chances are that she does.—Yonkers Statesman.

#### Not a Free Agent.

Asked when he was married, the colored citizen replied, "All I know, suh, is dat it wuz des w'en she 'lowed she'd git me—ter de minute."—Atlanta Constitution.

#### Upholstered.

Knicker—The fashionable woman's figure is like a slat.  
Bocker—While the mattress, bolster and pillows are worn on the head.—New York Sun.

He who can conceal his joys is greater than he who can hide his griefs.—Lavater.

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#### MEAT IN ITALY.

The Way the Slaughter Houses Are Operated by Law.

Slaughter houses in Italy are public institutions. The law prescribes that every town of more than 6,000 inhabitants shall build and maintain a municipal slaughter house, where all butchers are compelled to bring their live stock to be killed. The slaughtering itself is done by the individual butchers and their assistants. The conveyance of the cattle, the removal of the carcasses and the dressing of the meat are likewise the affair of the butchers. The city provides the building, keeps it clean and furnishes veterinary inspectors to examine and pass upon the carcasses.

The Milan slaughter house is situated within the city and occupies several acres of ground. It consists of a number of long, single story buildings made of cement and stucco. The buildings consist of either a single large hall or else a row of small box stalls about twenty-five feet wide and either fifteen or thirty feet deep. Each stall has a wide double door in front and a window behind. The buildings are arranged in parallel pairs, each pair being connected by a covered passage thirty feet wide, whose roof is raised many feet above that of the buildings, being supported by pillars rising from the roofs on either side. The air thus circulates under the roofs of the passages or corridors and over the buildings.

#### Only a Lack of Facilities.

Clara's aunt took her for a visit to Niagara falls. After viewing the great waterfall for some time and the little girl failing to make any remarks aunt tried to draw some expression from her as to what she thought of the spectacle. Finally she said "Clara, don't you think the falls are beautiful, wonderful?" and was amazed at the child's nonchalant reply: "Oh, yes, I s'pose so, but I fink our creek at home could do it if it had a place."—Woman's Home Companion.

#### Knew It All.

One Sunday morning little Bobby showed signs of having something on his mind. Finally he mustered up courage and addressed his father thus: "Say, papa, don't you think it is time for me to graduate from Sunday school?"—Chicago News.

#### Uncertainty Lies the Head.

Seller—I dreamed last night that I was a millionaire. Kicker—Well, I might as well have been one for all the sleep I got last night.—Bohemian Magazine.

#### WHEN LOST IN THE WOODS.

The Chief Dangers Lie in Panic and Overexertion.

Let the man who is lost in the woods be very careful not to overexert himself. His chief dangers lie in panic and overexertion, and, though he may be in a great hurry to find shelter, I must warn him to go slowly. Two miles an hour, on an average, through the snow in the woods is all that a man in his condition will be able to stand without overfatigue and its attendant dangers, overheating and perspiration. By exercising caution a man may live through a week of what he is undergoing.

To make this article brief, however, we shall suppose that he regains the road by the afternoon of the first day. He doesn't yet know, of course, just where he is. He should examine the tracks of the person who last passed that way. It being afternoon, he must follow in the direction taken by the last passing vehicle or team, as shelter will be nearest in that direction. Had it been morning he would have taken the opposite direction, as whoever made the tracks must have come from the place where he obtained shelter the previous night.—A. B. Carleton in Outing Magazine.

#### The Cure.

He talked too much—far too much. Already he had driven his taciturn companion nearly wild. He had touched on subjects innumerable, discoursed with volubility on anything and everything. Onward went the unending stream of speech. And all the while the voluble one danced about and fidgeted and squirmed until the other was well nigh beside himself with disgust.

Finally the walking dictionary took from his pocket a cigarette.

"I'm a great smoker," he remarked. "Yes, I'm a great smoker—great smoker. I'm one of those nervous men, you know; one of those high strung, restless fellows who always must have something in their mouths. Yes, you see, I'm so nervous, as I said, that I simply must—yes, must—have something all the time in my mouth."

"Try a gag!" suggested his companion.—New York Times.

#### Frenzied Financiering.

Columbus Washington Johnson Smith—"Wat's de price er dem watermelons, Mr. Jackson?"

Mr. Jackson (cunningly)—Ten cents er piece and I picks 'em; 20 cents er piece and you picks 'em, Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith—All right, Mr. Jackson. I guesses I'll take 'em all, and you picks 'em, ef you please!—Puck.

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Santa Claus has started on his annual journey and will soon be with us. Children, write to him. Address your letters care of Tyler Haswell.

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BRYAN, TEXAS, DEC. 2, 1908.

The California man who has undertaken to find the prettiest girl in the world would save time and money by coming to Bryan first.

Bank deposits in the United States amount, in round numbers to 13,000,000, nearly one-fourth of which is in New York City. This looks like congestion of the circulation.

Prosperity is more a matter of production than of politics. There has been no material change in business since the election. The same would have been the case had Bryan been elected.

The Stanford university professor who told the Chicago club women that "marriage is the suicide of love," ought to go soak his head. It is such rot that is responsible for the affinity nastiness.

The citizens of Bryan should never forget that they are dependent upon the farmers for subsistence and the people in the country should remember that they are dependent on the town people for a market.

The people of Texas are not heavily burdened with taxation—not yet, but if the tribe of tax-eaters continues to increase, it will not be long until the taxpayers begin to groan. Every taxpayer has a right to ask: "Where does the tax money go?"—and to demand an answer."

There are moonshiners among the mountains of Tennessee who have grown gray running wildcat whiskey stills and not one of them ever made more than a miserable living out of the business. It takes a tolerably smart man to run successfully a gambling joint or a blind tiger and the man who does it is in constant dread of detection. The same ability and energy required to conduct any business in violation of law if used in a legitimate vocation would secure independence, respectability and happiness.

## EXPENSE OF THE COURTS.

Senator Senter of Dallas is writing for Farm and Ranch, a series of politico-economic articles. In the last of which, he quotes some interesting figures from a card published in the interest of a candidate for district judge before the July primary. The card was signed by sixty-four lawyers of the city of Dallas, hence we suppose the figures are correct. This is the quotation:

"The largest item of expense in the state government is the maintenance of the courts. It costs the state and county from \$50 to \$75 a day to run a district court during the trial of jury cases, not counting witness fees and other costs paid by the losing party, and which in protracted trials become ruinous to litigants. Every case appealed means a cost to somebody of from \$50 to \$500. Every jury case tried a second time because of error in the first trial means a cost to tax payers of from \$50 to \$75 per day. Keeping these figures in mind anyone can see why the expense of the court swells the burden of the government so enormously."

## Made a Haul.

Evidently the horseshoe was nailed up awry, the rabbit's foot was forgotten, or the signs and symbols failed to work and as a result thirteen negroes—note the number—were corralled in the house occupied by Fred Houston, colored, in the northwestern part of the city yesterday morning about 1 o'clock, by Sheriff John D. Conlee and Constable Baker, and placed under arrest on a charge of gambling. Eleven of the bunch are in jail, while the other two gave bail for their appearance at trial. The darkies were caught with the sud-den and unceremonious breaking up of the game created the wildest confusion for some moments. The exclamations and gyrations of the offenders was ludicrous in the extreme.

Just received, a car of fresh ground chops, which will be sold cheap. Phone for prices. Prompt delivery. E. C. Harder. Phone 251. 292-318

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## THE WEATHER.

Weather forecast: Wednesday, fair, variable winds.

The disturbance that was central Saturday morning over the middle Rio Grande valley has moved north-northeastward with increasing energy and is now central over Minnesota. It has been attended by general precipitation in the eastern half of the continent, except in Atlantic districts, and by strong winds along its path. Snow has fallen in the northwest. An area of high pressure is moving in over Montana. The temperature has fallen in the Rocky mountain region, plains states and Texas, and at time of report ranged in Texas from 30 degrees at Amarillo to 64 degrees at Galveston. Unsettled and rainy weather continues in the Mississippi valley and adjoining districts and generally fair weather prevails in the western half of the continent, except that it is snowing in North Dakota. The weather in this vicinity will be generally fair tonight and Tuesday, with light variable winds, mostly westerly.

## River Bulletin.

River stages: in feet and tenths. 75th meridian time.

	Flood stage	8 a. m.
Trinity River	40.0	14.1
Riverside	25.0	6.3
Dallas	25.0	6.3
Liberty (yesterday)	25.0	6.3
Brazos River		
Kopperl	21.0	0.2
Waco	22.0	2.0
Valley Junction	40.0	3.1
Colorado River		
Ballinger	21.0	0.9
Marble Falls	36.0	2.3
Austin	18.0	1.4
Columbus	24.0	6.4

## River Forecast.

A moderate rise will occur in the upper Trinity. The Brazos and Colorado will not change materially.

B. BUNNEMEYER,  
Section Director.

## For Closer Unity in Church Work.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 1.—Practical co-operation and united service form the keynote of the first convention of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, which assembled in Philadelphia today for a session of six days. The meeting is regarded as the greatest and most representative gathering in the history of Protestant Christianity in America. Concrete propositions on which the united action of all churches is considered beneficial will be recommended by the convention to the various sectarian authorities.

The convention is attended by more than 400 delegates representing 20,000,000 of communicants in twenty-seven religious denominations. Among the delegates are more than thirty bishops, many presidents of universities and colleges, some of the most noted collegians and preachers in the country, officers in mission boards and other departments of church work and a large number of laymen of prominence.

A leading feature of the programme will be the public meetings in the Academy of Music, the first of which is held this evening. Included among the men of prominence who will address these meetings, are Governor Hughes of New York, Senator Dölliver of Albany, Bishop Hendrix of Kansas City, Rev. Dr. Washington Gladden of Columbus, Ohio, and Dr. Barton, secretary of the American Board of Foreign Missions.

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## LILY WILL LIKELY LOSE.

Former Queen of Hawaiian Islands Wants Reimbursement.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—Persons with a penchant for keeping tab on royalties and ex-royalties may be interested to learn that Liliuokalani, she of the unpronounceable name who formerly reigned as Queen of Hawaii, reached her seventieth birthday today.

This week the attention of American readers has again been called to this extraordinary personage by her arrival here to press her claims on the government for compensation for lands formerly belonging to the crown of the Hawaiian Islands.

The claims of Liliuokalani have been before the public ever since the annexation of her former domain to the United States. The general opinion here is that the chances of her receiving compensation are very remote.

At the time that S. B. Dole and others contrived a coup and changed the government of the Hawaiian Islands from a monarchy to a republic, the right of the crown to certain islands was abrogated, and since that time these lands have remained the property of the republic, or territory, the distinction between crown and government lands never having existed. Article 95, of the constitution of the Republic of Hawaii, promulgated July 4, 1894, declared the crown lands to be the property of the Hawaiian gov-

ernment, and to be free and clear of any trust of or concerning the same, and from all claims of whatever nature upon the rents, issues and profits thereof. This selfsame article of the constitution of the republic became a section of the territorial constitution and is a law in a sense as clear and strict as any amendment of the constitution of the United States.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 1.—The suit of the government against the Dupont powder interests, in which a dissolution of the so-called powder trust is aimed at, was called today before a special master. When the taking of evidence in this city is concluded the hearings will be adjourned to New York.

## Notable Speaker at Banquet.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 1.—Final arrangements have been made for the annual banquet tonight of the Rochester chamber of commerce. James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway and Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, are to be the principal speakers.

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No. 5 North bound.....12:46 a.m.  
No. 2 South bound.....3:40 p.m.  
No. 9 South bound.....2:48 a.m.

I. & G. N. Schedule.

No. 14 North bound.....12:54 p. m.  
No. 15 South bound.....4:14 p. m.

### LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

Mr. Jack Graham of Harvey was in the city Tuesday.

Mr. Jeff Davis of Harvey was here Tuesday morning.

Mr. J. R. Smith of Reliance, was a visitor to the city Tuesday.

Mr. Rufe McDonald of Edge transacted business here Tuesday.

**FOR SALE**—Twenty cords green wood at \$2.50 per cord. Frank Myers. 309.

Mr. Shelby Goodman of Harvey transacted business here Tuesday.

Mr. Jessie Barton of Edge was a business visitor to Bryan Tuesday.

Mr. T. B. Gooden of Holligan Chapel was a business visitor to the city Tuesday.

Miss Cassie Riley of Reliance was in the city Tuesday on a shopping trip.

Messrs. Isaiah and Enoch Holland of Rock Prairie were in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. Jack Conway of Steep Hollow was in the city Tuesday on a shopping trip.

Mr. J. E. Thomas of Cross, Grimes county, was a business visitor to the city Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Howard of Iola, Grimes county, were visitors to the city Tuesday.

**FOR RENT**—My residence, furnished or unfurnished. Mrs. Dr. Jas. R. Johnson. 302-328

The Eagle has for sale old newspapers, clean and suitable for wrapping paper, 25c per 100.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. B. Mike now have apartments with Mrs. R. V. Kernole, and will likely remain there until the completion of their new cottage.

Two pieces of music on one 10-inch disk at 75c or 37 1/2 cents for each piece at McKenzie's jewelry store. 309.

Mrs. V. C. Marek has returned to her home in Marlin after a visit to her niece, Mrs. Joe Sebesta of this city and other relatives residing near Conner.

We deliver hulls and cottonseed meal cheaper than you can deliver them yourself. A car of fancy June cut Forney hay which is cheaper as it is fed without waste. You receive advantage in price by the ton delivered from car. Phone 376. Jno. C. Vick. 309.

Mr. Jake Kiefer, of Zulch, Madison county, manager of the W. L. Zulch estate, quite a valuable property, spent Tuesday here purchasing goods from Bryan's progressive dealers.

Having secured hunting privilege from A. E. Withers on Polk land south of town, same is posted according to law and all persons are warned not to hunt or trespass on same. Fin & Feather Club. H. A. Burger, Sec. 310.

Rev. I. F. Betts, who was pastor of the First Methodist church in this city four years, and who has been stationed at Pittsburg for the past year, goes to Marlin for his next year's work.

Mrs. W. O. Sanders and Eugene Edge will give a tea from 3 to 6 Wednesday afternoon, next, for benefit of Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist church at the home of Mrs. Edge. 309.

President W. L. Edge of the Brazos County Farmers' Union was in the city Tuesday and presided at the meeting of the union in the courthouse.

Mr. John R. Davis of Iola, Grimes county, identified with the commercial and agricultural interests of his community, was a visitor to the city Tuesday, and transacted business with Bryan dealers.

Mr. F. Lawrence Walker, manager of Charles B. Hanford, spent Tuesday in this city in the interest of his splendid theatrical attraction and was a pleasant caller at The Eagle office.

Mr. John Andrews of Zulch, an enterprising citizen of Grimes county, testifies to Bryan's supremacy as a cotton buying and trading center by transacting his business here. Mr. Andrews was in the city Tuesday.

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A very pretty line of stamped pillow tops, doilies and something new in the way of Mexican drawn work was placed on sale at Coulter's yesterday. A nice line of silk pillow cords, silk knitting cotton and embroidery needles is also on sale. 308w.

Messrs. George W. Jones and D. D. McAlpine have bought out the meat market formerly conducted by Mr. S. H. Franklin on North Main Street, and will move the fixtures to the building formerly occupied by Mr. Chas. Edinburg as a restaurant, where the business will in future be conducted.

### Read This.

Bazaar—By "Ladies of Methodist church, Thursday, Dec. 3, at stand formerly occupied by Chinese restaurant. Exquisite Christmas remembrances in dainty fancy work will be shown, guaranteed to please everyone.

Delicious home-made candy for sale, and an abundant lunch for 25 cents a plate will be served. Doors open at ten o'clock. Be sure not to miss it. 310.

To the Ladies Choral Club.  
I wish to express my appreciation of the means of making a statement to the Ladies Choral club, as it was impossible to make it at the last two practices owing to poor attendance. While I feel sure that the ladies of the Choral club, as a club, feel the responsibility of the concert to be given soon, yet on the the part of members, as individuals, there seems to be a total lack of responsibility. Each member seems to think, "My absence won't make any difference, the rest of the ladies will be there." But unfortunately so many have the same thought, that there have been scarcely a handful at the last three rehearsals.

There will be only three, or possibly four more rehearsals before our concert, so that I must ask that every member be present at every succeeding rehearsal, and if you are not present, I cannot allow you to appear in the concert. This is final, and no excuses will be accepted. The next rehearsal will be held Saturday, Dec. 5, at 3 o'clock and every member must be present if they desire to sing in the concert.

J. BERT GRAHAM,

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### THE COTTON MARKET.

There was a downward tendency in the cotton market Tuesday.

Liverpool closed 1 point down, New York 4 down, and the local spot market was 1-8 lower than the previous day's close.

Tuesdays prices:  
Low Middling, 7 1-4c.  
Strict low middling, 8 1-8c.  
Middling, 8 1-2c.  
Strict middling, 8 11-16c.  
Good middling, 8 7-8c.  
Sales about 40 bales.

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### RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts .....\$225,576.08  
Demand Loans on Cotton..... 46,497.00  
U. S. Bonds and Premiums..... 156,400.00  
State Bonds and Premiums..... 51,864.00  
Real Estate, Furniture and Fixtures 9,650.00  
CASH.....\$169,618.00  
\$659,605.17

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock.... \$100,000.00  
Surplus and Profits . 87,519.76  
Circulation.....100,000.00  
DEPOSITS.....372,085.41

I, L. L. McInnis, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Correct—Attest:

J. W. Howell  
Guy M. Bryan, Jr.  
H. O. Boatwright

Directors.

L. L. McInnis, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this, November 30, 1908.

W. P. Bryan,

Notary Public, Brazos County, Texas

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## ARS A RU LUFF'S PERIL.

of Franchisable Property Likely  
to Be Swept Away.

Bluff, Ark., Dec. 1.—Following a night struggle against the elements, the citizens of Pine Bluff renewed the apparently hopeless struggle Tuesday. The fate of property aggregating \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000 seems to be in the balance. All teams that can be pressed into service have been secured and are hurrying willow and pine logs to the river bank, where hundreds are working hard weaving mats and pushing them into the river, hoping to form a temporary barrier against the flood. Unless this service checks the river, Jefferson hotel, the courthouse and other buildings are almost sure of destruction when the crest of the flood reaches this point. There is also the probability that if these buildings go and the river remains unchecked nearly the entire business portion of Pine Bluff is in serious danger of destruction.

A section of land north of the courthouse was slowly moving toward the river Tuesday morning. The kitchen of a residence slid into the river. No one was injured. Several warehouses along the bank, which have been partly wrecked, are tottering, and new sections may take a plunge at any moment. The entire river front is scratched and unsafe even for pedestrians.

Secretary of War Wright has been appealed to for permission to change the course of the river.

### TWO DEATHS REPORTED.

Break in Natural Gas Mains Cause  
Factories to Close Down.

Guthrie, Dec. 1.—Flood conditions in this part of the state continue to improve and the Arkansas, Caney and Verdigris rivers are falling steadily. So far two deaths have been reported, but there have been a number of narrow escapes.

John Sullivan, a section foreman, drowned in Black Bear creek near Red Rock. A. J. Whitney, secretary and treasurer of the Farmers' Union mill at Guthrie, drowned while leaving the mill on a raft.

As a result of a washout early Tuesday morning, which caused a break in natural gas mains supplying Oklahoma City and Guthrie, both cities are out of fuel and practically all factories are closed. Street car service is suspended until a change is made enabling power houses to burn coal.

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## After the Mexican Government

Making an Effort  
to Take Him from Muskogee.

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 1.—The Mexican government is making a strenuous effort to get possession of the person of Colonel Ecomacion Diaz Guerra, who is locked up in the Federal jail at this city. Guerra, if conveyed to Mexico, will sacrifice his life for the part that he has been taking in the revolution in that republic. He is now under \$1,000 bond to appear in court at San Antonio, where he must answer to the charge of offending against the neutrality laws.

In the jail with him is his nephew Juan Costa, who swears that he will stick by the old man through his trouble, and who is also a sympathizer of the revolutionists.

Costa is charged with resisting an officer at the time Guerra was taken into custody at Wilburton, Okla.

Guerra is charged with attacking his government in an article in San Antonio newspapers and of attempting to filibuster. When he heard that a warrant was out for his arrest he fled the state and was arrested at McAlester with his nephew. He says he will fight to the end before the Mexican government will get him.

### Numerous Christmas Trees.

New York, Dec. 1.—The first consignment of Christmas trees from the big Canadian forests arrived here Tuesday. There are two carloads of over 2,300 trees. They were consigned to George A. Blank, 102 Park Place, who is the principal dealer at this city in Christmas trees. He has contracted for fifteen carloads more from Canada.

A large portion of those received are being transhipped, 200 going to the Dallas, Tex., market and others to Charleston, S. C., and Florida ports by coastwise freight steamers. One tree was shipped to Chile, South America.

### American Cruiser Arrives.

Port au Prince, Dec. 1.—The American cruiser Des Moines came into port. Her presence augments the force of foreign sailors and marines that were landed for the protection of Port au Prince, and particularly foreigners, in case of an engagement between rebels and troops of the government, which is apparently bound to occur in a very short space of time, the results of turning loose on the city disorganized and undisciplined soldiers. The arrival of the Des Moines was preceded by that of the French cruiser Dugues Tourlin and the American cruiser Tacoma. The British cruiser Scylla and Italian cruiser Pieramosca are expected shortly. With their advent the foreign elements feel much more secure.

It is reported that General Simon, leader of the revolutionary movement, is at Petit Goatie, about thirty miles to the west of Port au Prince. He has an army of 6,000 men, well armed with good rifles and well provisioned. He has also several pieces of mountain artillery and some machine guns. He is expected to reach Port au Prince Thursday or Friday.

### Second Fall Breaks His Neck.

Weatherford, Tex., Nov. 30.—J. A. Tate, who a month ago fell thirty feet from a windmill, receiving serious injuries, fell from a gallery Sunday night, striking the windmill post. His neck was broken. He lay in the rain all night. Death followed.

## Cooking With Sunlight.

Sun cooking—roasting and boiling by sunlight instead of coal or gas—has been going on for 300 years. There are sun stoves that roast a sirloin or boil a soup to perfection. They are only used, however, by scientists. A sun stove consists mainly of a mirror—a spherical mirror on a joint. There is also a reflector. The place for pot or plate is so situated that the mirror's rays can be focused on it accurately. A German, Baron Tchernhausen, was the first sun cook. He began in 1687 to boil water, and in 1688 he had very good success at baking eggs. Sir John Herschel and Buffon are other famous names associated with sun cooking. In California various sun cooks have boiled a gallon of water in twenty minutes, roasted meat in two hours and poached eggs in fifteen minutes—quite as good time as the ordinary fire makes. An odd thing about meat roasted by sun rays is that it has an unpleasant taste. This is avoided by the insertion of a plate of yellow glass between meat and mirror. In all solar stoves the sheet of yellow glass figures.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

### Queer English Laws.

"No statute law of England ever can be obsolete," a legal journal says. "Once enacted, it continues in binding force until repealed."

If such be really the case, there ought to be some lively times ahead for several classes of the community. For instance, what will builders have to say to the act which penalizes any person who erects a house without attaching to it at least four acres of land? This was one of "good Queen Bess" laws, and it has most certainly never been repealed.

By another un repealed statute, which dates back to the first year of King James I., it is enacted that not more than a penny may be charged for a quart of the best old ale nor more than a halfpenny for a like quantity of small beer. The penalty for each infraction of the act is 20 shillings, so that if it were rigidly enforced it would not need, apparently, a licensing bill to ruin the brewers. Then, again, a Catholic owning a horse is still legally obliged to sell it for £5 to anybody who chooses to offer that sum for it.—London Graphic.

### The First Mourning Paper.

The oldest known letter written on black edged note paper as a sign of mourning appears to be one dated Jan. 5, 1683. In Addison's comedy of "The Drummer," 1715, reference is made to the fashion in the words, "My lady's mourning paper that is blacked at the edges." A few years later Allan Ramsay, who died in 1758, speaks in one of his poems of "the sable bordered sheet" as a messenger of sorrow. Mann, writing from Italy to Horace Walpole in 1745, says that it was universally used in Florence at that time. The superior elegance of this Italian note paper, with its narrow margin of black, explains its ready acceptance in this country, where it superseded the quarto sheet with a black border sometimes a quarter of an inch wide. In this way it probably gave an impetus to the fashion. But it is a mistake to suppose, as some have done, that the fashion was introduced from Italy.—London Answers.

### Caught Alive.

A New Yorker, a big game hunter of many years' experience, was lion shooting in Uganda. He had excellent luck. Nearly every day he posed in a complacent attitude beside a freshly killed lion, and his photographer snapped him for the magazines.

One afternoon the photographer, who was taking a nap in the hut, was awakened by a loud noise. He rose and looked out. Sprinting toward him from the jungle, hat gone and coat-tails flying, came his chief, and with terrible roars and growls, a huge lion bounded at his heels.

The photographer gazed spellbound at the strange and exciting picture. His chief, perceiving him, shouted: "Quick, quick! Open the door, George! I'm bringing him home alive!"—Washington Star.

### Spoiling a Tragedy.

"If you don't marry me," he said desperately, "I shall kill myself."  
"And write a note telling all about it?" queried the maid.

"Yes."

"And hold my photograph in your other hand?"

"I had thought about it."

"Well, just wait a minute," she said, "and I'll borrow pa's pistol for you. My, but won't it be romantic?"

But he faded.

### The Head of the House.

It is folly to call the husband the head of the house; he is not. It is but a courtesy title at best, since in truth he is but an incident in the home life, while the wife and mother is its whole existence. Literally the sun of domestic happiness rises and sets in the face of the wife and mother.—Clara Morris in Housekeeper.

### Not an Advertiser.

"Did you hang up any mistletoe last Christmas?" asked Erastus Pinkley.  
"Deed I didn't," answered Miss Miami Brown. "I's got a little too much pride to advertise for ordinary courtesies dat a lady has a right to expect."—Exchange.

### Suspicious.

Widow (at washtub)—Are you positive you love me?

Suitor—Of course I am.

Widow—What's the matter? You haven't lost your job, have you?

Pittsburg Press.

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